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## CONSTITUTION



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## ARTICLE I

This Society shall be known as THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

## ARTICLE II

The particular business and objects of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of coins and medals, the investigation of matters connected therewith, and the popularization of the science of Numismatology; also, the collection, examination and elucidation of numismatic antiquities of this and other countries.

## ARTICLE III

The Society shall consist of Members; and Associate, Corresponding and Honorary Members.

## ARTICLE IV

1. The name of a candidate for membership in any class must be proposed in writing by a Member or

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Honorary Member to the Council, which shall on behalf of the Society have power to elect such candidate. Two negative votes, by ballot or otherwise, shall exclude.

2. Members shall consist of those elected as Life and Annual Members on or before January 17, 1910, and Members thereafter elected.

3. Any person of proper standing, personally known to at least one member of the Council, shall be eligible to membership.

4. No more than three Members shall be elected annually until the roll of Members shall fall to one hundred and fifty. Thereafter, the number of Members shall be limited to one hundred and fifty.

5. Any person not residing in the United States shall be eligible to Corresponding Membership. All Corresponding Members in the United States, who were elected as such before March 18, 1901, may remain Corresponding Members.

6. Special services rendered to the Society, or its objects, shall be a necessary qualification for Honorary Membership.

7. Honorary Members shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Society.

8. There shall not be at one time more than fifty living Honorary Members, of which number the Director of the United States Mint shall, during his term of office, be accounted ex-officio as one.

9. Associate Members may be admitted to the Society, who shall enjoy such privileges as the By-Laws

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may prescribe, except that they shall not be entitled to vote at its meetings or to hold office.

10. A person elected to any class of membership must signify his acceptance in writing, within one month of his notification, to the Secretary, before his name can be placed on the rolls.

11. Kindred societies may be elected to Honorary or Associate Membership, but only foreign societies to Corresponding Membership.

## ARTICLE V

1. There shall be a Council, consisting of fifteen Members, for the general management of the affairs of the Society.

2. At the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society on January 17, 1910, the members of the Council shall be elected, three for each term, for the terms of one year, two years, three years, four years and five years, respectively. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting there shall be elected three members of the Council to hold office for the term of five years.

3. The officers of the Society shall be five Governors, a Secretary, a Domestic and a Foreign Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by the Council, within three weeks after the annual meeting of the Society, and shall serve for the term of one year or until their successors are elected. The Governors and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Council.

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4. Ex-Presidents or Ex-Governors of the Society may, upon a two-thirds vote of Members present at any regular meeting of the Society, be elected Honorary Governors for life.

### ARTICLE VI

This Society shall possess a Seal, a Medal and a Badge.

### ARTICLE VII

All donations in money, unless otherwise specified by the donor, and all Life Membership fees, must be invested by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Council; the money thus invested shall constitute a permanent fund, of which only the interest shall be expended.

### ARTICLE VIII

By-Laws for the further regulation of this Society shall be enacted from time to time, as they may appear to be necessary.

### ARTICLE IX

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except at an Annual Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the Members present. Propositions for

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amendment must be presented in writing at a previous regular meeting and all Members notified of the time when such changes are to be acted upon. All amendments to the Constitution must be approved by the Council before being submitted to a vote of the Members.





## **BY-LAWS**



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## CHAPTER I

### *Officers*

#### GOVERNORS

1. It shall be the duty of the Governors to recommend plans for promoting the object of the Society; to digest and prepare business and special correspondence; to regulate exhibitions of the Society and the admission of the public to its building; to superintend the publications of the Society and appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, a Director, Curator, Librarian and such assistants and employees as may from time to time be necessary. The Governors shall appoint at each meeting, in such manner as they may prescribe, a Chairman from their number. One of the Governors shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall address the Society at its annual meeting, on topics relating to its interests. The Governors shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

#### SECRETARY

2. The Secretary shall have the custody of the Seal of the Society; he shall take correct minutes of the

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proceedings of the Society; preserve all documents relating thereto; notify all Members of their election, as well as all committees of their appointment; keep a correct list of Members, advise them of the time of meetings at least five days in advance, and shall also conduct such portions of the correspondence as the Governors or Council may direct, and keep copies of all his official letters.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society not otherwise provided for; preserve all communications received; and keep copies of all their official letters.

## TREASURER

4. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all the funds of the Society, and shall make all collections and payments of money. He shall also have charge of the Membership Medal. He shall make no payments of money belonging to the Society except on an order from the Council, and shall retain written vouchers of all payments made, and shall submit the same to the Society at the annual meeting, when he shall make an exact report in writing of the financial condition of the Society, and hand over all moneys, books and documents in his possession to his successor in office.

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### DIRECTOR

5. A Director shall be appointed by the Governors, subject to the approval of the Council, who shall have, subject to the Board of Governors, administrative charge of the Society's building and its contents; shall approve purchases and exchanges for the cabinets and library; acknowledge donations, make a full report in writing at each meeting of the Society, and perform such other duties as the Governors or Council may designate. He shall be responsible for the performance of the duties of all employees and for the execution of all orders of the Governors.

## CHAPTER II

### COUNCIL

1. It shall be the duty of the Council to direct the investment of all funds; to authorize the disbursement and expenditure of moneys in the treasury and to direct an audit of the Treasurer's account. It shall have the authority at any time to examine into the condition of the property of the Society and into the state of finances, as also generally to superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may, from time to time, be committed to it by the Society; accurate minutes of its proceedings shall be kept, and a general report in writing shall be made at each regular meeting of the Society.

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2. Meetings of the Council shall take place at such stated times as it may determine, or at the call of the Governors. At all meetings of the Council five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall have power to act upon all resignations and shall fill any vacancies that may occur among its members.

3. No member of the Council shall, directly or indirectly, receive any pecuniary compensation for his services to the Society, unless the Council by a vote of two thirds of all its members shall approve such compensation.

## CHAPTER III

### FEES AND DUES

1. Members elected as Life Members on or before January 17, 1910, shall not be required to pay fees or dues.

2. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall not be required to pay fees or dues.

3. The annual dues of Members shall be Fifteen Dollars, payable in advance. A Member elected at a meeting held after July 1 shall pay half dues for the current year.

4. Any Member of the Society who has, for a period of twenty consecutive years, regularly paid all dues, or who shall pay the sum of One Hundred and

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Fifty Dollars, may, by resolution of the Council, be relieved from further dues.

5. The dues of Associate Members shall be Five Dollars per annum, payable in advance. An Associate Member elected at a meeting held after July 1 shall pay half dues for the current year.

6. Any Associate Member who has, for a period of twenty consecutive years, regularly paid all dues, or who shall pay the sum of Fifty Dollars, may, by resolution of the Council, be relieved from further dues.

7. Any Member desiring to become an Associate Member shall have the right to do so, upon filing a written notice of such change with the Secretary.

8. Members of all classes shall be entitled, upon qualifying, to receive a membership certificate signed by a majority of the Governors and bearing the seal of the Society, attested by the Secretary; they shall also be entitled to the bronze medal of the Society upon payment of three dollars, or to its silver medal upon payment of six dollars, or to its badge upon payment of such sum as may be fixed from time to time by the Society.

9. The colors of the Society shall be gold, silver and bronze.

## CHAPTER IV

### MEMBERSHIP

I. Members of all classes in good standing shall be entitled, except as otherwise provided in the Consti-



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tution or By-Laws, to the rights and privileges usually accorded, and to the use of the library and cabinets of the Society, under such regulations as are provided relating thereto.

2. Any Member or Associate Member in arrears for more than one year shall not be considered a Member in good standing, and may be dropped from the roll by resolution of the Council.

3. Resignations of Members of all classes shall be made in writing to the Council. A Member or Associate Member presenting his resignation after the third Monday in January shall not be relieved from paying his dues for the current year.

4. Any Society which is an Honorary Member may be represented at any meeting by one duly accredited representative, who shall have the right to vote on behalf of such Society.

5. Corresponding Members and Associate Members shall have all the privileges of the Society except the right to vote and hold office. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of the Society.

6. Any person contributing Five Hundred Dollars at one time to the permanent fund shall be entitled "Patron of the Society."

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### CHAPTER V

#### COMMITTEES

1. There shall be the following standing committees:

Committee on Ancient Coins  
Committee on Building and Grounds  
Committee on Decorations, Insignia and War Medals  
Committee on Modern Foreign Coins  
Committee on Foreign Medals  
Committee on Library  
Committee on Masonic Medals and Tokens  
Committee on Membership  
Committee on Oriental Coins  
Committee on Paper Money  
Committee on Papers and Exhibitions  
Committee on Publication of Journal  
Committee on Publication of Medals  
Committee on United States Coins  
Committee on United States Medals

2. Special committees may be appointed pursuant to resolution of the Council.

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3. All standing committees shall be appointed by the Governors. They may be chosen from all classes of Members and from outside the Society; provided, that there shall be a member of the Council on each committee.

4. The powers and duties of all committees shall be prescribed by the Council.

## CHAPTER VI

### MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Monday in each month except May, June, July, August, September and October, at such hour and place as the Council may direct, and nine Members shall constitute a quorum.

2. The meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting, at which all reports of all officers shall be read and considered and the election of the members of the Council shall take place.

3. Special meetings may be called by the Governors or at the written request of nine Members in good standing.

